



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5213**

LCO No. 5489



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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE  
FOR HEARING AIDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

3 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the  
4 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-  
5 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in  
6 this state shall provide coverage for hearing aids. [for children twelve  
7 years of age or younger.] Such hearing aids shall be considered  
8 durable medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit  
9 the hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-  
10 month period.

11 Sec. 2. Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

13 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
14 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469  
15 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this

16 state shall provide coverage for hearing aids, [for children twelve years  
17 of age or younger.] Such hearing aids shall be considered durable  
18 medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the  
19 hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-  
20 month period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	38a-490b
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	38a-516b

***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand required health insurance coverage for hearing aids to individuals older than twelve years of age.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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